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Re: public comments

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Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

I am a low-income disabled senior citizen concerned about rising costs of energy as well as energy waste.

The solution is not to build more power plants or to import power from out of state to meet our growing needs. The current system is wasteful. It is rewarded for wasting energy instead of conserving. But companies only make money if they sell energy, not conserve it.

So therefore I support de-coupling where rates are set so utility companies cover costs + deliver power safely and reliably. If utility companies take in more than determined sufficient customers get a refund and rates go down by a few points. If revenue is less than expected rates increase by a few points.

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This method is both fair to companies and consumers. It allows for conservation and for companies to earn a profit.

Please consider de-coupling as opposed to the traditional plan of constant rate increases. AZ consumers need a change.

Thank you.

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**RE: Please support decoupling and energy efficiency in the Southwest Gas rate case, Docket #G-01551A-10-0458**

Dear Chairman Pierce and members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to support decoupling and energy efficiency as part of the Southwest Gas rate case. Adoption of both of these measures will save consumers money, assist utilities, prevent the need for new power plants, reduce pollution, and protect public health.

My husband and I have been able to make great strides in making our home as energy efficient as possible, which is no small feat considering that our house, built in 1951, had the original attic and wall insulation, an age-old air-conditioning unit, and several other inefficient features. We are now saving significantly on our energy bills. However, we are one of the few families who had the money, resources, and time to make our home truly energy efficient without much help from the utilities. Other families are not so lucky and are only able to make small steps. These steps help save money, but the rewards could be much more significant with more help from the utilities.

Currently, our system favors utilities, allowing them to financially benefit from increased energy use while hurting the consumers who use that energy. Utilities have little incentive for encouraging energy efficiency, except what is mandated by the ACC. On top of that, rates continue to increase, further pressuring families who are having a tough time just making ends meet. Decoupling would change this system by removing the incentive for utilities to sell more energy. Consumers will be able to save energy and money and implement more energy efficient features in their homes. At the same time, utilities will be able to be financially stable without waste.

Utilities and the ACC need to help Arizonans lower their energy bills. We need to eliminate energy waste while protecting public health and our environment. Decoupling and energy efficiency are vital components of these goals. Please include both of them in this rate case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Sprague', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tiffany Sprague

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**Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458**

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Peter Curia

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Sincerely,  
Jenny Roberts

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I believe becoming more energy efficient is in everyone's best interests!

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jan Anderson

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In my opinion, our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. I've added insulation in my attic! I've checked my doors and windows for escaping air. I've turned my heat down and wash with cold water. SO, now you would like to raise my rates??? We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

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As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Cain

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Jean Clark